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ACTS FOR AGRICULTURAL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Central and State Acts made for safeguarding the interest of agricultural workers;

(b) whether the Government is taking any steps to monitor the implementation of these Acts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (c): There is no separate central legislation to safeguard the interest of agricultural workers. However, the interests of agricultural workers are protected under various labour laws such as the Workmen Compensation Act, 1923; the Minimum Wages Act, 1948; the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976; the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961; the Inter-State Migrant Workmen Act, 1979; etc. The Government of Kerala has enacted and is implementing the Kerala Agricultural Workers Act, 1974. The implementation of these Acts is monitored through the enforcement machinery of Central/State Governments from time to time.